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with especial fulness, and much information is given about all parts of the vast domain. No adequate credit appears to be assigned to the foreign capital, experience and energy that had much to do with the development of the port works of Lourenzo Marquez and the railroads between that port and Johannesburg and between Beira and Salisbury.

Glossary of Geographical and Topographical Terms. By Alexander Knox. XL. and 432 pp. Edward Stanford, London, 1904. (Price, 15s.)

The Glossary is intended as an aid to the readers of maps and geographical works. The spelling of names conforms, for the most part, with the rules adopted by the Royal Geographical Society, but the fact that other spellings are also frequently given will be helpful to many readers. This may be illustrated by "Hoang," a very common spelling of the name of the second largest river of China. Turning to the word in the Glossary, we are referred to "Hwang," now generally accepted by leading writers as the best representation, for English-speaking readers, of the Chinese pronunciation of the name. Here we find:

Hwang (China), yellow; frequently misspelled Hoang, Huang. Hwang-ho—Yellow River. See Ho.

If the discredited spelling—Hoang—had been excluded, many readers would be less likely to see the approved English transliteration of the name.

This is a pioneer work of its kind. It does not clash with Dr. Egli's "Nomina Geographica" or Dr. Ganzenmüller's definitions of geographical names. It will be helpful at the elbow of all thorough English-speaking students of geography. So much of the geographical nomenclature of many languages is descriptive of geographical or topographical aspects that a key is needed to unlock these hidden meanings which are often so graphically explanatory. The Glossary performs this service to a large extent. The book is supplementary to Stanford's Compendium of Geography, and is uniform in style with the volumes of that series.

A History of the Colony of Sierra Leone, Western Africa. By Major J. J. Crooks. xiv and 375 pp. Two maps, 6 appendices, and an index. Brown & Nolan, Limited, Dublin, 1903. (Price, 5s. net.)

A compact and careful history of this British colony, written by its former colonial secretary. As the colony was formed to provide a home for freed slaves, the volume contains much information of im-